



The Baptist Church, Brierfield



Pray for Indonesia

Please join us in prayer today for Indonesia, which is facing scenes of devastation similar to that captured in this photo from 2006 after an earthquake struck (taken from the BMS).

October 2018

We meet in a warm, friendly atmosphere to praise and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please do join us.

Sunday Services

10:00am - Prayer meeting in the Church Lounge.

10:30am - Family Service, followed by coffee.

6:00pm - Evening service.

Midweek Youth Activities

Rainbows and Brownies - Contact Elizabeth Wilkes for more details on 01282 774847

Guides - Contact Janice Greenwood for more details on 01282 605594

Sunday Club for boys and girls up to 11 years old - contact David for more details on 01282 618026.

JAM (Jesus and Me) Club for those in year 6 or above, contact Elizabeth Wilkes for more details on 01282 774847.

Midweek Adult Activities as announced.

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Do you have something you would like to be included in next months newsletter? Please hand anything you would like adding to Richard I'Anson or Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Growing in Christ

a short message by Philip Rowland

Paul's prayer in the opening verses of his letter to the Philippians (1, vs 9-11) says, "This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the Day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – the glory and praise of God."

Paul wants great things for this church.

- **He wants them to be full of love.** He states elsewhere that if we have not love, we have nothing.

- **He desired that this love would be enriched by the knowledge of Christ** and through the insight afforded by the Holy Spirit into God's ways. He wants this church to be a church that knows and understands the things of God, the heart of God even, we might say.

Why does Paul want these things for this little church? It is not so that his missionary work may be seen as being successful, but so that the church, as individuals and as a body, may be rich in the things of God, and bring glory to God the Father through the extension of the Kingdom of His Son.

- Then he moves on to say that he wants this church to know what is **best in all situations**. They are not to blindly follow the commands of God alone, but to understand and to approve of them. He sees these commands not as restrictions on what they can do, but a liberating force that enables them to live to their full potential.

- And having these blessings, he says, they will be **filled with the fruit of righteousness** through Jesus Christ, and so will bring glory to God on the Day of His Appearing.

In the same way, it is the prayer and desire of us Elders that these blessings may be ours here at Brierfield. I urge you all to come and study with us over the next few weeks on the Discipleship Explored Course.

Announcements

1st & 4th October - *Discipleship Explored* - The eight week course commences on **Monday 1st October** at 10.30 a.m. and **Thursday 4th October** at 7.30 p.m. Coffee/Tea will be offered from 10.15 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. (volunteers to serve this would be appreciated). All welcome. Full course dates are :

Monday's - October 1st - 8th - 15th - 22nd - 29th

November 5th - 12th - 19th

Thursday's - October 4th - 11th - 18th - 25th

November 1st - 8th - 15th - 22nd

13th October - *Open Air Witness* - 11 a.m. to 12noon. Meet at the Methodists Church.

17th October - *In-Betweens* - 7.30 p.m. Call My Bluff - Everybody welcome.

Dates for early November :

2nd November - *Light Party* - 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

4th November - *Shoe Box Appeal* - last date to bring boxes to chapel for onward shipment to Distribution Centre.

JOB VACANCIES

Missionary Secretary & Chapel Cleaner

Both these positions are still vacant and we would ask people to prayerfully consider taking up one of these very important duties within our Church, and **help to spread the load** of duties across **ALL** our congregation.



DISCIPLESHIP | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST LOVE
YOU'VE EVER KNOWN?

Discipleship Explored is an eight *week journey* through Paul's letter to

the Philippians which will help us think through questions like: How can I be sure I am a Christian? What is life really all about? How can I grow as a Christian? How can I enjoy being a Christian more?

When you read this the course will have already commenced. **But it is not too late for you.** If you want to join in, you can do so at any time. You would be able to catch up with the others using the free Handbook which will be supplied. The course commenced on Monday 1st October at 10.15 am, and that session was to be repeated on Thursday 4th October at 7.15 pm. Both sessions will be held in the Primary Room. This pattern will continue for the following seven weeks. If you want to be included in this FREE course, just come along. You will be welcomed.

INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI: UPDATE ON THE BMS RESPONSE

BMS World Mission is responding to the situation in Indonesia, where over 1,400 people have died after an earthquake and tsunami struck.

You will have seen images of the devastation on the island of Sulawesi, which was hit by a 7.5 magnitude earthquake on Friday. Access to the affected areas is challenging for responders due to damaged bridges, landslides and fuel shortages.

The official number of people killed in the disaster is expected to continue to rise. Many of the deaths happened in the city of Palu.

BMS has been communicating with partners in Indonesia in response to the tragedy. You can help today by joining us in prayer, and you can also make a donation, please see Cynthia.

"Your prayers are crucial at this time, so please continue to pray for people in Sulawesi," says BMS World Mission Relief Facilitator Rachel Conway-Doel.

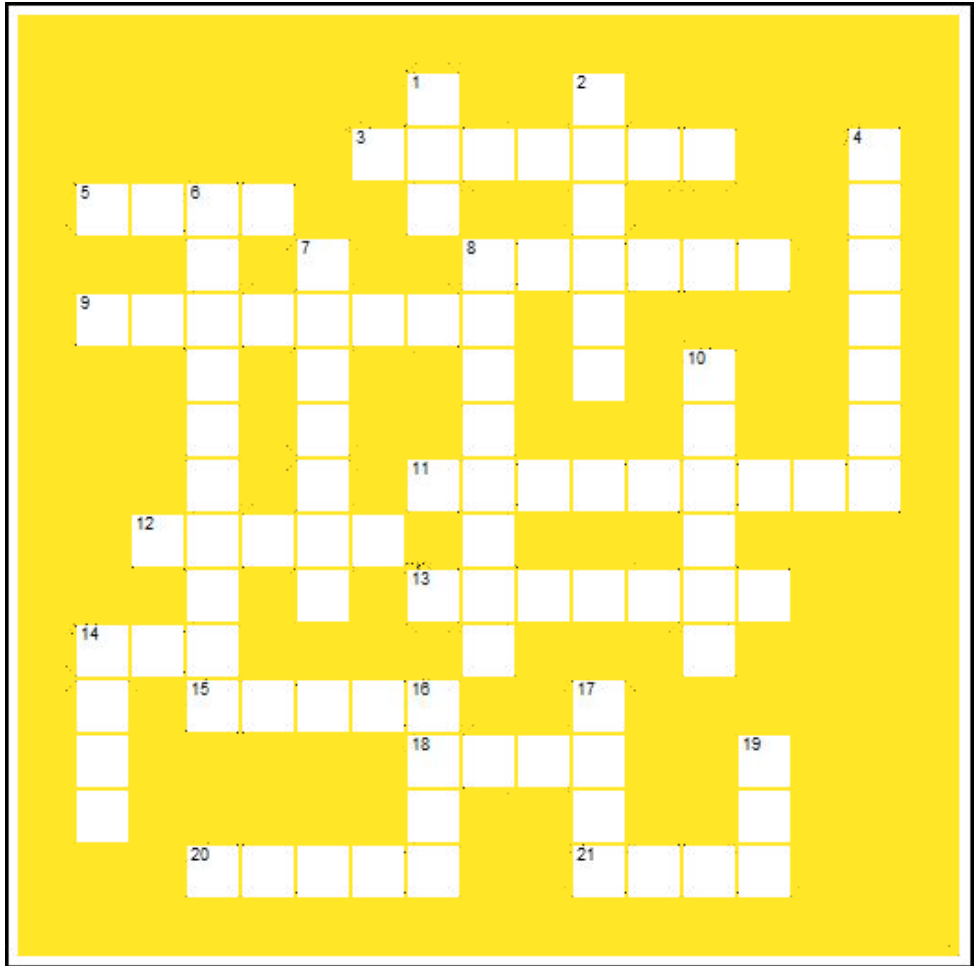
"Please pray for our partners who are on the ground assessing both the immediate and longer term needs for the area. We will be working closely with the local churches, as they respond to the affected communities. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity and love shown towards all those affected by this disaster."

PRAYER POINTS FOR INDONESIA:

- Please pray for the people of Sulawesi who are suffering unimaginable grief right now. Pray that they have the basics of food and clean drinking water, and medical help.
- Please pray for the first responders as they search for survivors. Pray they have shelter themselves and are kept safe as they work in dangerous, very difficult conditions.
- Please pray for the partners we'll be supporting. Pray they are given all the resources they need from agencies and governments from around the world.
- Please pray for the long-term response. Pray that people will remember Sulawesi in the months and years to come, and that this city and the surrounding area would recover from this tragedy.

Puzzle Page

Bible Knowledge by Bill Brinkworth



Across

3. David's son
5. promise
8. prophetic book
9. tax collector
11. Nehemiah
12. offered strange fire

13. stoned to death
14. Babylonian false god
15. Cain's son
18. 15th O. T. book
20. father of harp
21. Samson killed

Down

1. prophecy author
2. preserve corpse
4. Jesus
6. 1st "church"
7. Jeremiah's father
8. sin
10. created on 5th day
14. liquid measure
16. place of torment
17. O. T. king
19. Jacob's son

With acknowledgements and thanks to www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzles

Kids Corner

Jesus Does Amazing Things!

Read Matthew 14:14.

Finish the sentence.

Color the picture.



Jesus _____ the sick.



PRAY FOR EUROPE:

THE OPPRESSED, POOR AND POLITICIANS NEED HELP

Atheists, people living as slaves and the future of the UK can all be helped by you today. Please read on as we focus our prayers on Europe and its people.

LET'S START WITH THAT THING YOU ARE PROBABLY FED UP WITH: BREXIT

Whatever your position on Brexit, it's clear that prayer is needed. So, let's leave our personal views to one side, the barbs we've heard and possibly spoken, and pray for healing and a way through all the confusion.

- Pray for families and friendship groups with positions that clash. Pray that Brexit would not divide them, and that opinions would be listened to.
- Pray for an end to bitterness, personal attacks and recrimination. Pray that the starting point for discussion is respect.
- Pray for God's will to be done. Pray that he would guide political leaders into creating a better, fairer, more peaceful Europe. One that he wants for all his children.
- Pray for God's continuing provision and opportunities for BMS World Mission's work in Europe, and a political landscape going forward that is conducive to building his kingdom.

PRAY FOR THOSE TRAPPED IN MODERN SLAVERY IN THE UK

You might have unknowingly passed a slave today. There are thousands of people being exploited in the UK as you read this –perhaps washing a car, tarmacking a drive, or painting a shopper's nails in a salon. They're working exceptionally hard for long hours, being paid a pittance and their health and safety are often disregarded. But you, your friends and your church can show them that they're not ignored. You can show them that they are loved, and they're loved by the one who loves you.

- Pray for freedom for the captives and that God would use his Church to break the chains of oppression.
- Pray that those who are trapped in modern slavery would sense Jesus' presence in their lives; that they would draw strength from him, and know that he is with them.

- Pray for those who are exploiting people. Pray they too would have an encounter with Jesus, one that transforms them into people who stand up for the oppressed instead of imprisoning them.
- Give thanks for Dan Pratt who BMS is helping to raise awareness of modern slavery and to help churches across the UK to fight it. Pray too for energy and wisdom for Dan and his team as they confront the darkness of slavery with the light of Christ.

PRAY FOR SECULARIST FRANCE

You no doubt know that France is a hyper-secular nation, and that our Christian brothers and sisters face personal and official hostility in openly showing their faith. And yet, people *are* coming to faith in France. It's happening because Jesus wants to reach everyone. And it's happening because of the support you're giving to BMS church planters. Let's give them some extra help today.

- Pray for our BMS colleagues in France. Pray for a powerful sense of conviction in their work, and for Holy Spirit-touched conversations, with believers and non-believers.
- Pray for those who turn to the occult for answers to medical and spiritual suffering. Pray they would know the healing power that only Jesus can give. Pray for those who have turned their back on God and do not believe in the truth of his love for them. Pray that they would have an encounter with him so powerful they would want to share their experience with others.

PRAY ALSO FOR THE NETHERLANDS, ALBANIA, AND KOSOVO

- Pray for BMS workers David and Dorothy McMillan in Amsterdam. Pray that they would continue to build strong relationships with their non-Christian neighbours, and that people would come to know Christ through them.
- Pray for children from Roma and Egyptian communities in Albania who face poverty and hardship. Pray they would be nourished with food and learning, and that they have hope of a better future.
- BMS is supporting mission in Albania by teaching the children of mission workers at GDQ International Christian School. Pray that the teachers would continue to be faithful in prayer and in seeking God's direction. Pray, too, for the finances for building work and for a sense of unity during this exciting time for the school.
- Give thanks for BMS work in Albania. The BMS-supported team of five Albanian workers and three British workers at Tek Ura (a BMS-founded NGO) has set up a community centre in one of the poorest and most marginalised communities in Europe. Through their flourishing health, social inclusion and education ministries, God has provided thousands of opportunities to be a blessing – and even a baptism to celebrate!
- Pray for reconciliation for communities in Kosovo that remain



divided by past conflict. Pray too for BMS workers Robert* and Rose* as they build relationships in the country through teaching children. Pray for more children to attend their classes and that Robert and Rose would shine the light and love of God into the children's lives.

Prayer Matters

I read quite a lot, and so tend to collect Bookmarks. On one I recently re-found this poem:

*I got up early one morning, and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He said, "But you didn't ask!"*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek!"*

*I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock!"*

*I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.*

Let's always take the time to pray:

- Giving thanks for all His benefits to us in life and in our salvation from sin.
- For our Church, that it will be effective in promoting the Gospel and in building up those who worship in it.

Please also pray for:

- All those involved in missionary work at home and abroad, naming those specifically whom we are aware of, that God will build His Church both here and in all the world.

May I remind you that if you have an urgent need for prayer, such as sickness, or one of the problems of life, please contact Philip on:

- Email: philip.rowland@virginmedia.com
- or by Mobile Text (please do not ring me): 07546 350 409
- or by phoning Kath on 01282 697005.

Your request for prayer will then be passed on to the other members of the Prayer Chain.

Who's Who

Melanie Lewis

I was born at Bank Hall in Burnley on 24 Aug 1963 and brought up in Nelson and Brierfield. My first job was as a Saturday girl at Walter Thompsons Sewing Centre, Scotland Rd Nelson. I left school at 15 and went to work full time as an office junior at WH Oddies Ltd.

My main career has been as mother and home technician, a Travel Consultant and currently I am Supervisor of a sales team for online bathroom, heating and lighting products. Above all I am very much a family person.

My favourite meal is Steak Rossini and chips. I also love a lamb roast.

Is there anything special you have done in your life?

I have climbed Sigiriya Rock in Sri Lanka, met and married the love of my life Peter, given birth to four beautiful children and accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour.

When did you first go to church, and how?

I went to a Church School, St John's Barkerhouse Rd Nelson and also went to Sunday School and Brownies there. I was Rose Queen at the Whit walk one year.

How did you become a Christian?

At a church away weekend in Blackpool hosted by Keith Wills. I was baptised 5 November 1995 along with Elizabeth Wilkes.

How did you come to attend Brierfield Baptist Church?

We were looking for a mainstream environment for our eldest son Zak, who has autism, in order for him to be able to socially mix with his peer group. Getting in to mainstream school was challenging but that's another story. We tried a few local Sunday schools but they weren't very welcoming. Brierfield Baptist had a church float and witness that year at the Brierfield gala. I was given a "Noah's ark" leaflet and we have never looked back since.

Do you hold or have you held any position in the church?

Music Director, Guitarist and Home Mission Secretary

What is your favourite hymn?

So many I shout "tune " when I hear a good one, in particular "O Lord my God When I in Awesome Wonder (How Great Thou Art)", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "Christ is Risen Alleluia" and of course "Shine Jesus Shine"

What is your favourite Bible verse?

John - Chapter 9 v 1-3 "And Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him".

I know that by bringing Zak to church aged 4 there has been at least 5 people saved (maybe more.)

Have you anything you would like to say to the church family as a whole?

Thank you for your continued love and support. We have always felt welcomed, like someone's loving arms are around us.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
7 th October	10.30 a.m.	David Boadle	S. Dunham	G. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Geoff Hartley		
14 th October	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	E. Wilkes	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Kath Rowland		
21 st October	10.30 a.m.	Peter I'Anson	C. I'Anson	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Howard Ellison		
28 th October	10.30 a.m.	Harold Hoggarth	K. Hughes	N. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Ann Booth		
4 th November	10.30 a.m.	Grahame Baldwin	D. Driver	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Dave Bartram		
11 th November	10.30 a.m.	Peter I'Anson	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Susan Western		
18 th November	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy	R. Bolton	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Colin Scholes		
25 th November	10.30 a.m.	Harold Hoggarth	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	David Livermore		
2 nd December	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley		
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>			
	6.00 p.m.	Stephen Wells		